new railway line Mathura-Alwar (120 km) has already been started. A stretch of 90 km of this line falls in Rajasthan.

(b) The work is already in progress and is expected to be completed in two years time.

(c) Instructions exist that a high standard of cleanliness be maintained on all coaches. The coaches are properly attended to during Primary|Secondary maintenance and cleanliness|disinfection of the coaches is ensured. On certain long distance trains, travelling safaiwalas are provided.

High Pressure Water Jet cleaning of toilets has been introduced and cleaning of toilets etc. is also attended to at nominated stations enroute. In order to mitigate the sufferings of the travelling public "Public Grievances Redressal booths" have been opened at all important stations.

Action under Public Premises (Eviction of unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971

476. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a landlord Government can evict even authorised tenants under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act 1971;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to protect the interest of poor tenants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 provides for eviction of unauthorised occupants only as defined in 5.2 (g) of the Act.

Criteria for deciding remunerative prices

477. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for deciding remunerative prices for agricultural produce;

(b) whether Government are aware of large scale resentment against the remunerative prices offered to farmers; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Minimum Support Prices are fixed on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP). The CACP while recommending minimum support prices, *inter-alia* considers factors, such as cost of production, changes in input prices, input-output price parity, trends in market prices, parity between prices paid and prices received etc. The prices fixed not only covers the cost of production but also provide a reasonable margin of profit.

The Government also revised the methodology for estimation of cost of production of crops to make the procurement/minimum support prices recommended by the CACP more remunerative.

(b) and (c) The farmers have the benefit of the remunerative support prices fixed by the Government or the prevailing higher market prices for their produce which ensures adequate incentive to the farmers.

Proposal to make four-lane route of Borivali Virar Section

478. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make Borivali-Virar Section a four-lane route:

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The Final Location Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for quadrupling the track between Borivali and Virar (34 km) has been completed. The Survey Report will be examined and decision taken on merits.

Rail communication between India and Pakistan

479. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has recently been signed between India and Pakistan to extend Rail communication between the two countries; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 'The Agreement relating to Rail Communication between India and Pakistan—1991' has been extended for a further period of 3 years upto 7-7-94. This Agreement provides for continued running of the daily passenger train between Amritsar and Lahore for the journey of the international passengers and regular exchange of freight traffic between the two countries.

Completion of the Konkan Railway line

480. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the original budget and original time schedule for completion of the Konkan Railway line;

(b) what is the revised budget and time schedule; and

(c) what steps Government propose to complete this important project on schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The project was originally expected to cost Rs. 1043 crores at the 1989-90 price level and the time schedule for completion was 4 years viz. October, 1994.

(b) The project is being executed by an autonomous body viz. Konkan Railway Corporation who envisage no change in the time schedule at present nor in the project cost, except for normal escalation due to inflation.

(c) The Government is monitoring the progress and providing Konkan Railway Corporation the necessary assistance for timely completion of the project.

Conversion of Manmad-Aurangabad-Adilabad railway line

481. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the work of conversion of Manmad-Aurangabad-Adilabad railway line was undertaken;

(b) by when the work is likely to be completed; and

(c) the reasons for delay, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Two works of conversion of Metre Gauge line to Broad Gauge have been sanctioned in the Marathwada region; (1) Manmad--Parbhani-Parli Vaijnath; and (2) Parbhani-Purna and Mudkhed-Adilabad and parallel BG line between Purna and Mudkhed. These works were taken up in the year 1978-79 and 1984-85 respectively.